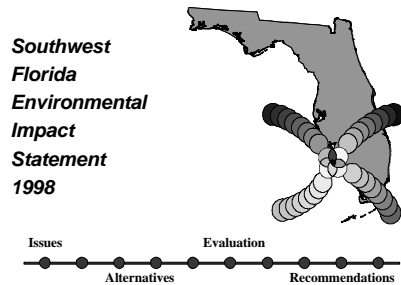
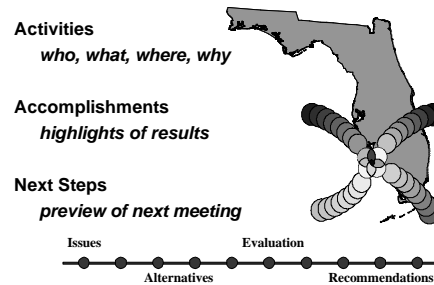


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Summary: ADG Meeting #1



SWF_EIS2-2

Activities

- April 16-17, 1998 at Lee County Electrical Coop
- 26 ADG Members, 12 Observers
- Meeting objectives: orientation, introductions, issues, information

SWF_EIS2-3

Accomplishments

- Charge received
- Overview of approach
- Participant commitment
- Issues defined
- General information needs raised

SWF_EIS2-4

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ADG Charge

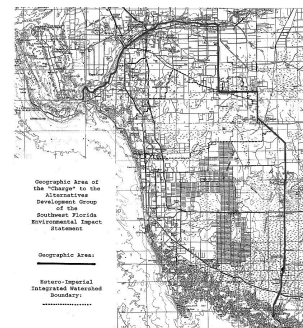
Report on alternatives for improving the regulatory processes to:

- Protect Natural Environmental Values
- Provide for Sustainable Economic Growth
- Manage Appropriate Changes in Water Flows and Quality
- Respect Public Involvement and Private Rights

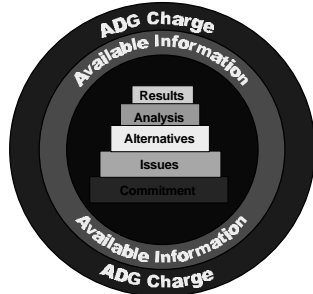
The ADG will collectively develop alternatives, evaluate the merits of each and seek consensus on recommendations.

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Study Area



ADG Process



SWP_ESG-7

Participant Commitment

- Respect the perspectives of fellow ADG members
- Seek creative solutions
- Provide full participation and information
- Attend all meetings

SWP_ESG-8

Issues Discussion Exercise

- Property rights
- Maintain ecological integrity
- Regulatory efficiency
- Connection to local land use policy
- Cumulative and secondary impacts
- Avoidance of wetland impacts
- Water management
- Water quality
- Economic sustainability
- Mitigation
- Restoration/retrofit
- Public lands management/use

SWP_ESG-9

Issues Discussion Exercise

Important Attributes to Consider

- Holistic long-term approach
- Higher information standards

SWP_ESG-10

Information Needs

Several informative sources were introduced; for next meeting, ADG will receive information on:

- County comprehensive plans
- Permitting processes and application
- Study area base map

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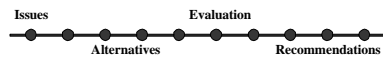
Next Steps

- Next meeting at Lee County Electrical Coop, April 30-May 1, 1998
- Selected baseline presentations (e.g., permitting, comprehensive plans)
- Further development and refinement of issues
- Field trips

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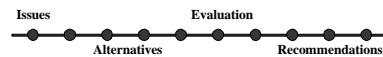
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Summary: ADG Meeting #2

Activities
who, what, where, why

Accomplishments
highlights of results

Next Steps
preview of next meeting



SWP_EIS2-14

Activities

- April 30 - May 1, 1998 at Lee County Electrical Coop
- 31 ADG Members, 14 Observers
- Meeting objectives: baseline information, issues development, evaluation framework

SWP_EIS2-15

Accomplishments

- Comprehensive plans
- Mapping resources
- Permit overview
- Review of issues
- Evaluation factors discussion
- Information needs

SWP_EIS2-16

Lee and Collier County Comprehensive Plans

- Critical decisions made in 1950-60s that influence present conditions
- Significant difference between two county plans (e.g., zoning, densities, preserves)
- Intercounty road connections not aligned
- Density reduction strategies in place
- Population projections dynamic with focus on build-out condition

SWP_EIS2-17

ADG Mapping Resources

- Acknowledge need for reference maps and working maps (different purposes)
- Simple maps needed for analysis and brainstorming
- Some aspects of alternatives may not be mapable

SWP_EIS2-18

Permitting Overview

- Significant efforts in gathering information before formal permit application initiated
- Status quo for permitting definitely not optimal
- Wetland delineation sometimes differs between Federal agencies
- Permitting case study suggested for next meeting

SWP_EIS2-10

Important Issues Reviewed

- After review - meeting #1 issue categories appear comprehensive
- Some category name changes proposed - consider after factors are further developed
- How do issue categories align with standard NEPA impact categories?

SWP_EIS2-20

Issues Discussion Exercise

- Property rights
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SWP_EIS2-21

ADG: Examination of Alternatives

Evaluation Matrix

	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3
Alternative 1			
Alternative 2			
Alternative 3			
Alternative 4			

SWP_EIS2-22

Evaluation Factor Development

- “Standards” driven versus subjective assessment
- Concerns raised about creating vision beyond Corps authority/permitting
- Confusion about what will be being evaluated

SWP_EIS2-23

Information Needed

- Legal perspective on what ADG can address/recommend to Corps
- Details of Corps permit process
- Better understanding of components of alternatives

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